



## EDITORIAL

### Toys/Electronic Hand Held Games/Ipods

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 like to bring in a toy to play with at break-times. We ask that these should be pocket size, and should not be a valuable or prized possession – we cannot take responsibility for their safety.

Children in Years 3 and above are discouraged from bringing in toys – we cannot cope with the volume of toys or the risk to valuable items. We try to provide some good playground activities for them and encourage them to use their imagination in their play. The only exception to this is when the children go on a lengthy bus journey when electronic hand held toys/ipods can be really useful to relieve boredom! Children who currently travel in on the school minibuses may use these, but they should be handed to the driver at the end of their journey and they are then stored in the school office until the evening return. We are also experimenting with their use at Breakfast Club, where they should be handed in to Miss Anderson at the end of the session; she will give them to the office to store and the children can collect them at the end of the day.

In future, Trip Permission Slips will indicate whether electronic hand held games are permissible on trips. **We cannot take responsibility for any toys brought into school.**

### Invitation Cross Country

Advanced warning that parking will be restricted next Wednesday at 3.30pm. The KS1 parking area will be used by visiting school minibuses, and our remaining car parks are likely to be filled with the cars of visiting parents. Visitors will start arriving at about 12.45pm and will be leaving from about 3.30pm. Visitors should all have left by 4.40pm.

### THLPS Pupils Go Out and About

This week our SOFA Club have been to the Houses of Parliament and to the Headquarters of the Dog's Trust, our cross country runners competed at Norwich Lower School's invitation event, Year 3 pupils have attended an Egyptian Day at the Castle Museum and Year 6 pupils have visited Archant to learn about journalistic writing. We often receive comments on the appearance and behaviour of our children, but the comments following SOFA's trip to London were extremely positive; well done, children!

Mr Simon Marfleet

### THLPS PTA Quiz & Chips - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012

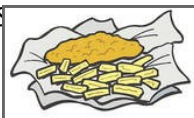
Come and join the fun at the annual Quiz & Chips fundraiser at the Oaklands Hotel.



Teams of 8 or fewer will battle it out over 8 rounds, pausing only for a brain boosting fish & chip supper.

Tickets are available from the school office. This event has sold out in previous years, so please purchase your tickets as soon as possible.

All proceeds will allow the PTA to continue to support the School with various projects.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the following children who received badges in today's assembly:

### GOOD WORK/MERIT BADGES

- Rec Thomas, Hugh
- Y2 John, Tilly, George, Sophie
- Y3 William, Harvey, Lucas
- Y4 Ross, Jack, Harvey, Diana, Ethan, Sam, Rebecca, Jaylan
- Y6 Kate x 2, Safia, Daisy, Charlie, Chloe

### CORE VALUE BADGES

- Rec Eleanor, Cara
- Y1 Eleanor
- Y2 Emily
- Y3 Joshar, Isobelle
- Y4 Diana, Ethan, Henry
- Y5 Alec
- Y6 Harry, Sophie



## Gardening Club

Enterprising members of the gardening club have almost finished re-claiming timber from Beech Hill and other sources, and have been busy building their own raised beds for use this year! Riordan and Paul, our Head Gardeners have been leading the team in weeding and watering and everyone is looking forward to start the spring planting.

In addition to the club's activities, members will soon be introducing themselves to classes that they will be leading and teaching this year. We are planning for every child in the school, to grow a sunflower and a pumpkin! This should



prove to be exciting and there will be competitions to see who can

grow the **tallest** sunflower and who

Can grow the **largest** pumpkin.

We are very lucky to have the support of Bee Springwood, from the master gardener scheme and she has suggested we use bales of straw for some of our raised beds. This is something relatively new in this country and an idea we are looking forward to trying.

**Request:** Does anyone know of where we can obtain 12 bales of either wheat or barley straw please?

Finally.... Our four wheeled, tipping trailer is on its way and should be ready for assembly in the next few days!

Ms Sue Cole



# SOFA

On Monday, SOFA visited London for a tour of the Houses of Parliament and a visit to the Dogs Trust's headquarters. We left Norwich at 7 am, from Norwich rail station and arrived for the tour of both the House of Lords and House of Commons. An almost seamless passage through security and we were ready for our tour! (see Jonty for further details regarding security!!) Entry to Westminster Hall, the oldest part and where the trial of Guy Fawkes took place, was awesome. The whole tour was fascinating and the children were able to see the differences between the two Houses as well as the marks on the door to the House of Commons, left by Black Rod, when he is sent to summon the Commons to the House of Lords for the Queen's speech. Unfortunately, we

were not able to meet with our MP, Chloe Smith as she was in a meeting with the Lord Chancellor but we will be in contact with her, again soon!



After lunch, we travelled across London to the Dogs Trust HQ where we were greeted by the Chief Executive, Clarissa Baldwin OBE. A tour of the offices and then to a meeting in the Trust's boardroom where we were treated to 'tea and cakes', presentations by the Director of Marketing and Manager of Communications. SOFA members were able to interview Clarissa and to ask her how SOFA could continue to promote their campaign for all dogs to be microchipped by law. 'Doggy bags' to finish with and the presentation of a cheque, by Alec Rijks, for £100 from our funds, to pay for the microchipping of Dogs Trust's rescued dogs. We said our 'goodbyes' and left for the tube train to take us back to Liverpool Street.

We will be writing 'thank you' letters to Clarissa, who thought the children amazing, and producing a display of the day.



**Next Tuesday:** Meeting with a rep from the Rare Breeds Conservation Society; organised by Kate Joyce (deputy leader of SOFA)

**Tuesday after half term:** Meeting with Mr Marcus Pearcey. Visits to Crufts, Pets at Home, local Dogs Trust re-homing centre, tortoise rescue and World Horse Welfare are in the planning stages!

**Ms Sue Cole  
SOFA Leader**

## MENU W/C 6TH FEB 2012

MON	Sausage Roll, Mashed Potato, Beans, Mixed Veg Toffee Sponge & Custard
TUES	Spanish Chicken, Pasta, Sweetcorn, Broccoli Rice Pudding
WED	Roast Beef, Roast/Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Yorkshire Puddings Carrot Cake
THURS	Pork Goulash, Rice, Carrots, Green Beans, Choc Ices
FRI	Cheese & Tomato/Pepperoni Pizza, Chips, Spaghetti Hoops, Peas Valentine Hearts & Choc Sauce

Jacket potatoes available on request daily - tuna, cheese, ham  
Salad, fresh fruit and yoghurts are always available

## COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Wed 8th \*THLPS Small Schools Invitation Cross Country 1.30pm  
Fri 10th Y1 trip to Strangers Hall postponed to 21st March  
Fri 10th Half Term begins at the end of the school day  
\* Parents welcome to attend

### Pancake Day Sponsored Flip

THLPS have recently made a new friend, Grace Matthews. She is a Norwich girl who lives in Mile Cross with her mum, dad and little brother. Grace is special to us because she needs our help. She has lost both her legs at 4 when fighting for her life in a battle against meningitis. She also lost her fingers, half a thumb and half a palm after illness. This means that Grace will need new prosthetic legs as she grows.

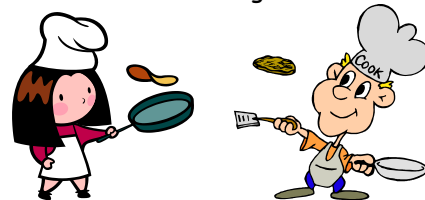


Her mum has said: "Grace is unbelievable. It is amazing how she gets through everything. It is like to her there is nothing wrong. What has happened really makes you appreciate your time with your family and loved ones." What an inspiration to us all?!

We would like to help her to have as normal a life as possible! So, on pancake day (Tuesday, 21st Feb) we will be having a bit of fun in a sponsored Pancake Flip. Please don't feel obliged to fill out the sponsor sheet. Our aim is, that in having fun and each doing a little, we can make a BIG difference to Grace.

Thank you for your help!

Ps. It is rumoured that she may even be popping in to meet us! - How exciting!



**Mrs Angie Pimlott**

## Norwich Lower School Cross Country

Tues 31st January

Well done to all of our runners who competed in this event. They tried their best and represented our school well.

U8 Girls	Position	U8 Boys	Position
Hattie	4	Flynn	10
Rosie	15	Ethan	11
Freya	20	Harry	21
Lilly	22	Alex	22

U9 Boys	Position	U10 Boys	Position
Edward	3	Matthew	13
Ross	12	Alex	14
James	14	Edison	15
Joseph	20	Jo	26

U11 Girls	Position	U11 Boys	Position
Roxana	17	Harry	20
Millie	24	Anton	24
Ella	25	Cameron	27
Sophie	26	Ross	29

A special mention to Edward and the U9 boys on their bronze medal positions.

Thanks to parents for their support.

Mrs Marie Hood



## THLPS Small Junior Schools Cross Country

Wed 8th February 1.30-3.30pm

Here are the team lists for this event:

U7 Girls	U7 Boys	U9 Girls	U9 Boys (A)
Niamh	George M	Diana	Edward
Tilly	Owen	Hattie	Joseph
Mia	Alex	Lilly	Ross
Charlotte	George W	Jessica S	James E

U9 Boys (B)	U11 Girls	U11 Boys
Henry	Roxana	Harry
Fred	Sophie	Edison
Frankey	Kate	Matthew
Harvey W	Ella	Anton

All competitors must wear school games kit with warm layers under and their fleeces. Marshalls must be smart but bring warm layers to go under uniform. Parking will be very limited.

Mrs Marie Hood

### Tots2Teens - Holiday activity schemes

Broadland District Council offer a huge range of activities during half term, from cookery, to Photography & dancing to canoeing. Visit their web site for further details:

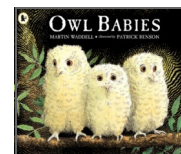
[www.broadland.gov.uk/t2t](http://www.broadland.gov.uk/t2t)

## Nursery News

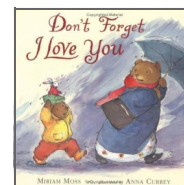
It is such a pleasure showing visitors around our lovely nursery environment. The children are always engaged in interesting and sometimes challenging activities. I am not surprised to hear so many favourable comments. We are running at very near full capacity, so it is unlikely I will be able to accommodate requests for additional sessions during this academic year.

Parents of Lower Nursery children will be given a form which can be returned to me if you wish to request a change or reserve additional sessions in September 2012. All children who are aged 3 by 31st August 2012 will automatically transfer to Upper Nursery.

Next week Upper Nursery have "Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell as their book of the week. The letter of the week is 'o' - what can you look for, together with your child, beginning with that sound? Activities including collage pictures of owls will be on offer, as well as items with a Valentines Day theme.



Salt dough hearts and card making will be taking place in Lower Nursery. The chosen book of the week is "Don't forget I Love You" by Miriam Moss. A visit to the dance studio is planned.



Playscheme: This is running on Tuesday 14th & Wed 15th February. There are still some vacancies so please ask any member of staff for a form if you would like your child to join in the fun between 8.30am and 1pm.

Pancake Toss: Some of the nursery children will take part in this event. We will not be requesting that your child is sponsored, but any donations toward the 'Grace Matthews Trust' would be gratefully received. Further information of the charity is included in this newsletter.

Mrs Ruth Belson

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT THLPS

### Soccer Stars

### Olympic & Football Days

Monday 13th - Wed 15th Feb 10am-4pm

### Tennis Edge Fun Days

Thursday 16th - Friday 17th Feb 10am-2pm

Forms available from the office



THLPS is taking part in a Sponsored Pancake Flip  
Tuesday 21st February to raise money for  
Grace Matthews

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	Sponsor per flip	(or) Donation

Thank you for helping us to buy more prosthetic legs for Grace

Whatever you raise, however small- every little helps



Let's get flipping!



**GRACE MATTHEWS TRUST FUND**

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